

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
a plurality of developing devices for
developing an electrostatic image formed on an image
bearing member; and
a rotary member holding said plurality of
developing devices and rotated in a route including a
developing position, said rotary member selectively
positioning any one of the developing devices at said
developing position,
wherein each of said plurality of developing
devices has a plurality of developer carrying members
carrying developer to said image bearing member.
- 15 2. An image forming apparatus according to
Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of developing
devices has a first developer carrying member
positioned by said developing device to thereby have
its distance to said image bearing member ensured,
and a second developer carrying member being
substantially hit against said image bearing member
to thereby have its distance to said image bearing
member ensured.
- 25 3. An image forming apparatus according to
Claim 2, wherein said second developer carrying
member is provided with a hitting member adapted to

be substantially hit against said image bearing member.

4. An image forming apparatus according to
5 Claim 2, wherein said first developer carrying member is positioned in said developing device so as not to contact with said image bearing member with the rotation of said rotary member.

10 5. An image forming apparatus according to
Claim 2, wherein said first developer carrying member and said second developer carrying member performs an operation of developing the electrostatic image on said image bearing member in the named order.

15 6. An image forming apparatus according to any one of Claims 2 to 5, wherein said first developer carrying member arrives at said developing position with the rotation of said rotary member earlier than
20 said second developer carrying member.

7. An image forming apparatus according to
Claim 2, which can selectively execute a mode in which a developing operation is performed by the used
25 of said first developer carrying member alone, and a mode in which the developing operation is performed by the use of both of said first developer carrying

member and said second developer carrying member.